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4)  Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.  4a) Of the above claim(s) 4,10,11,13 and 14 is/ 5)  Claim(s) is/are allowed.  6)  Claim(s) 1-3,5-9 and 12 is/are rejected.  7)  Claim(s) is/are objected to.  8)  Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/o  Application Papers  9)  The specification is objected to by the Examine	/are withdrawn from cor	sideration
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## **DETAILED OFFICE ACTION**

1. This is in response to Applicant Communication on 5/16<sup>th</sup> /2007.

# **Election/Restriction**

2. Applicant's election with traverse of claims 1-3,5-9, and 12 in the communication with the Office on May 16<sup>th</sup> 2007 is acknowledged.

Because Applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed error in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)). Applicants have the right to file a divisional, continuation or continuation-in-part application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

The traversal is on the ground(s) that the search for the Application will not be a burden for the Office. The Examiner respectfully disagrees. As evidenced by 16 different species with different technical features mentioned in the previous Office Action. A thorough search will be burdensome for the Office.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made **FINAL** and non-elected claims 4, 10-11,13-14 are withdrawn from consideration. However, upon allowance of a generic claim (genus), any claims that have all the limitations of the genus will be considered and allowed.

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# **Drawings**

3. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the drawing wherein " **the first wire**" in claim 1 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement-drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

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# Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claim1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 is indefinite for the recitation

-- "a plurality of second signal lines formed on the insulating substrate and intersecting the **first wire** in an insulating manner; '--

Since the specification and the drawing do not identify or show the location of the **first** wire. It is not possible to know the structural limitation that the Applicant intends to claim.

- 6. Claims 2-3,5-9,12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being dependent claim that depend on claim 1.
- 7. For now, there are no prior arts rejections of claims 1-3,5-9,12 because it is the Examiner position that only when the issues of indefiniteness under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph of claims 1-3,5-9,12 are resolved, then a meaningful determination of patentability of the invention, (by comparing the invention with prior arts) can be made

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- 8. When responding to the office action, Applicants are advised to provide the examiner with the line numbers and the page numbers in the application and/or references cited to assist the examiner to locate the appropriate paragraphs.
- 9. A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 (three) months and 0 (zero) day from the day of this letter. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to be abandoned (see M.P.E.P. 710.02(b)).
- 10. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) which papers have been placed of record in the file.

# CONCLUSION

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thinh T Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-1790. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:30am-6: 30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steven Loke can be reached at 571-272-1657.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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